

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 547

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez

February 23, 2015

An act to amend Section 10703 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 547, as introduced, Gonzalez. Elections: special elections: vacancies.

Existing law provides for the calling of a special election to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy. Existing law requires that the special election occur within a specified number of days, not to exceed 180 days, following the issuance of a proclamation by the Governor.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10703 of the Elections Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 10703. (a) A special election to fill a vacancy in the office of
- 4 Representative in Congress, State Senator, or Member of the
- 5 Assembly shall be conducted on a Tuesday at least 126 days, but
- 6 not more than 140 days, following the issuance of an election
- 7 proclamation by the Governor pursuant to Section 1773 of the
- 8 Government Code, except that the special election may be

1 conducted within 180 days following the *Governor's* proclamation
2 in order that the election or the primary election may be
3 consolidated with the next regularly scheduled statewide election
4 or local election occurring wholly or partially within the same
5 territory in which the vacancy exists, provided that the voters
6 eligible to vote in the local election comprise at least 50 percent
7 of all the voters eligible to vote on the vacancy.

8 (b) Except as provided in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section
9 10730), a special election or a primary election may not be
10 conducted on the day after a state holiday.

11 (c) (1) A special election described in this section may be
12 conducted as an all-mailed ballot election pursuant to Section
13 4000.5.

14 (2) This subdivision shall remain in effect only until January 1,
15 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
16 that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.